(b) About 50% of the faults were cleared within 24 hours and the balance were cleared progressively during the next 3 days except 4(four) telephones which took more time.

(c) All the numbers have been repaired.

(d) and (e) Does not arise.

Private telephone exchanges in Andhra Pradesh

3646. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Andhra Pradesh may become the first Indian State to have private telephone exchanges.

(b) if so, the details thereof: and

(c) the names of the State/Union Territories which have any plans to have private telephone exchange during the Eighth Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) to (c) National Telecom Policy, 1994 permits Companies registered in India for operating basic telecom services in the country to supplement DoT efforts. A number of proposals have been received for providing basic telephone services, including in the State of Andhra Pradesh by Private sector. The guidelines in respect of the National Telecom Policy, 1994 are under active consideration of the Government based upon which decision will be taken on the proposals.

Short Listing of Compaines for Cellular Telephone Services

3647. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:
SHRI J. S. RAJU:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the companies responsible for operation of cellular mobile telephone services in the four metro cities have been shortlisted; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b) The list of the companies which were shortlisted for operation of Cellular Mobile Service in four Metro cities is available at the enclosed statement, *(See* below) However, some companies went to the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court has given the Judgement recently. This list is being reviewed by the Department as per the judgement.

Statement

List of Provisionally Shortlisted Bidders for Cellular Mobile

SI No	Name of the company	Name of the Foreign Partner	Cities
1	M/s. Hutchison Max Telecom Devika Tower, 6, Nehru Place, New Delhi-110019	M/s. Hutchison.Whampoa	Bombay
2.	M/s. Bharti Cellular Ltd. 15th Floor, Devika Tower, 6, Nehru Place, New Delhi-110019	(0 M/s General Mobile, UK (ii) SFR France (iii) EMTEL Mauritius	Bombay
3	M/s. BPL Systems & 1/1, Palace Road, Bangalore-560001	M/s France Telecom	Delhi
4	M/s. Sterling Cellular Ltd. 19 Cathedral Garden Road, Nungambakkam, Madras-600034	M/s Cellular Commumcational International Inc.USA	Delhi